

**Illinois Department of Human Services
Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHVP) FY12 Award
Request for Information**

Project Summary/Abstract

- **Project Title:** Illinois MIECHVP: Strong Foundations Partnership Formula Grant Program FY2012
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PROBLEM: Illinois needs high quality, well coordinated, home visiting programs for families in at risk communities. A needs assessment conducted by Chapin Hall in 2010 identified Illinois communities with high concentrations of specific social dilemmas and negative outcomes for children including premature birth, low birth weight infants, infant mortality, particularly early death due to child maltreatment; poverty; domestic violence; high rates of school dropouts; substance abuse; unemployment and child maltreatment.¹

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES: The project will aim to reduce premature birth, low birth weight, infant mortality, early death due to child maltreatment, poverty, crime, domestic violence, high school drop-out rates, substance abuse, unemployment, and child maltreatment in six high-risk Illinois communities; Cicero, Englewood, West Englewood and Greater Grand Crossing in the city of Chicago, the cities of Elgin and Rockford and Macon and Vermillion counties.

METHODOLOGY: 1) Implement or enhance one or more of five evidence-based models of home visiting: Early Head Start Home Based Option; Healthy Families Illinois; Healthy Steps for Young Children, Nurse-Family Partnership and Parents as Teachers; 2) ensure that the home visiting program is connected to community-based organizations and the services required to achieve the benchmarks; 3) establish a system of universal screening and coordinated intake in target areas; and 4) enhance or establish an early childhood collaborative in target areas.

COORDINATION: The Department's MIECHVP project was developed in close collaboration with the Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development; Illinois State Board of Education; Illinois Department of Children and Family Services; the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services; Voices for Illinois Children; Ounce of Prevention Fund; and the Home Visiting Task Force (a standing committee of the Illinois Early Learning Council).

ANNOTATION: Illinois has a 30-year history as an innovator in the implementation of home visiting services, with efforts supported by a well-established infrastructure at the state and community levels. Expanded home visiting services are being continued in order to address social dilemmas and negative outcomes for children through the implementation or enhancement of one or more of five evidence-based models of home visiting into six of the highest risk Illinois communities. Materials developed through the program will include home visiting service, universal screening and a coordinated early childhood system in each target community.

¹ Implementing Home- Based Intervention: Assessment of Current Need and Capacity, Deborah Daro, Bonnie Hart, Avery Bell, Roopa Seshardi, Cheryl Smithgall, Robert George; 2010 Chapin Hall University of Chicago

Models and Number of Families to be served

At risk community	Healthy Families America	Parents As Teachers	Nurse Family Partnership	Early Head Start	Total # of families
Cicero		130			130
Elgin	26	44	23		93
Macon County	26	72		12	110
Rockford	45	24		24	93
Southside Cluster (Englewood, West Englewood, Greater Grand Crossing)	65	75			140
Vermilion County		155			155
TOTALS	162	500	23	36	721

Maintenance of Effort / Non-Federal Expenditures

FY 2011 (Actual)	FY 2012 (Estimated)
Actual FY 2011 non-federal funds, including in-kind, expended for activities proposed in this application. If proposed activities are not currently funded by the institution, enter \$0.	Estimated FY 2012 non-federal funds, including in-kind, designated for activities proposed in this application.
Amount: \$ <u>16,673,488.42</u>	Amount: \$ <u>16,892,100.00</u>